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SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" May I ask the Government, Sir, if they will consider whether this is a fit case for appeal and whether the judgment is fair? Before taking the matter on appeal, will the Government consider awarding suitable punishment to the officers?"

Short supply of water through the Kommanur Canal.

* 94 *Q.*—SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that adequate supply of water is not being made available through the Kommanur canal in Guntur district to the lands in Santaravur section;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that thousands of acres of wet land in Narsayapalem, Kankatapalem, Kunkalamurru, Karemchedu, Swarna, Santaravur, Timmachinnaganjam are dried up due to the said short supply of water; and

(*c*) whether the Government have received representations that the original flow of water should be maintained in the Kommanur canal to facilitate irrigation of the said area and if so, the action taken by the Government?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The Government have no information but have called for a report."

SRI M. HANUMANTHA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government are prepared to consider the question of increasing the water-supply in view of the fact that there are many complaints from both sides of the Krishna delta area that the water supplied is not adequate?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" A separate question may be put."

Sale of salt by weight.

* 95 *Q.*—SRI V. K. RAMASWAMI MUDALIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) why the consumers are allowed to purchase salt by measure and not by weight when the Government are collecting duty by weight; and

(*b*) whether orders have been issued to sell salt by weight and if so, why they are not enforced?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The question of introducing the system of retail sale of salt by weight gradually in this State is under consideration. No orders have yet issued direct ing the sale of salt by weight to consumers. In the absence of such orders, the practice of selling salt by measure in retail is still in vogue."

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" Have not the Government of India issued instructions to the local Government to permit the sale of salt by weight?"